

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kobayashi *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1625

Serial No.: 10/587,088

Examiner: Mabry, John

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE HYDROXYMETHYLATED
COMPOUNDS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowance dated December 6, 2010. The Issue Fee and related Transmittal documents are also enclosed.

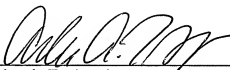
Particularly, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be used to interpret the cited claims, particularly to the extent that any part of the Statement differs from the express language of the claims and/or applicants' positions on patentability of those claims. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure, and applicants' prosecution of the claims.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,
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